



West Valley LDS Temple Open House

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

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Thank you Elder Richards for that gracious introduction and wonderful tour!

And, good afternoon, everyone!

I'm delighted to be with you to celebrate the completion of this beautiful new temple.

Before I begin, let me take a moment to thank the Open House Committee for organizing this amazing tour and lunch.

Now, as you may have heard, I will be finishing my public service as Governor of this great state at the end of this year.

It has been a highlight of my time as Governor to participate in the opening of three LDS temples in Arizona – Gila Valley, Gilbert and now Phoenix. I affectionately call them my . . . “Temple Trifecta!”

The opening of the Phoenix Temple is especially exciting for me. No doubt, the other temples are wonderful. However, you see . . . I am a West Valley girl and you have to be loyal in life. So I am officially declaring today that the Phoenix Temple is my hometown temple!

Now, after three tours, you may ask what I have learned about temples. In other words . . . have I been paying attention?

Here is my take-away.

The fine craftsmanship that goes into each of these temples is without question.

However, I have learned that the purpose of the temple is even more beautiful than the building. It is pretty simple. Temples are sacred places to commune with our loving God and know that we can return to His presence with our loved ones.

What a beautiful message for a very troubled world!

I will be forever grateful to the Church for the privilege of touring these temples and for hosting these wonderful lunches. Thank you.

May God bless this beautiful temple, bless you and your families, and may he forever bless the great state of Arizona and America.

Thank You.